

REPORT ON INFORMATION COLLECTED CONCERNING APPLICANT

Under section 60835 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, the Bureau of State Audits is responsible for collecting information concerning applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission that is needed by the Applicant Review Panel to perform its responsibilities. This is a report by Bureau staff in compliance with that responsibility.

Name of Applicant: David K. Ikari.

Information: In his first essay answer on his supplemental application regarding why he wants to serve as a member of the Citizens Redistricting Commission, and in the "Activities" section of his application, Applicant discussed having performed work on the California Performance Review (CPR) and the Exotic Newcastle Disease Task Force (Newcastle Task Force). Applicant stated that when was working for the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), the CDFA asked for volunteers to be assigned to each of these entities.

Regarding the CPR, a February 2004 press release from the Governor's Office described the CPR and encouraged state employees to apply for an assignment. The press release stated that the CPR will provide independent input and guidance throughout the course of the review and will be conducted by 14 teams divided up by issue area, and made up of approximately 150 state government employees. The teams will examine all aspects of state government and will conduct a focused examination of how the government operates and the systems it employs to accomplish its missions. The teams will look broadly across government and will be divided into functional area and cross-cutting issue areas. Based on an examination and assessment, the CPR will formulate and recommend practical changes that will reduce costs and increase productivity and efficiency across government. CPR delivered a report to the Governor in August 2004. Applicant told Bureau staff that he volunteered for the assignment but is not sure how the CPR members were selected.

Regarding the Newcastle Task Force, Applicant stated that there was an emergency call for volunteers to work in an infected area to help eliminate Exotic Newcastle Disease in that area. A February 2003 CDFA press release stated that the New Castle Task Force is a cooperative effort between CDFA, the United States Department of Agriculture, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the United States Forest Service, the California Conservation Corps, and the University of California's Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory System. According to two websites staff reviewed, the disease was eradicated in September 2003. Applicant stated that he volunteered to serve.

The Voters FIRST Act provides, at section 8252, subdivision (a)(2)(A)(i) of the Government Code, that an applicant is ineligible to serve as a member of the Citizens Redistricting Commission if the applicant was appointed to a state office within ten years prior to the date that the applicant submitted his or her application to serve. Under California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 60804, a person is appointed to a state office if the person is appointed by the

Governor, a member of the Legislature, or a member of the State Board of Equalization. Applicant's association with the CPR and the Newcastle Task Force was not an appointment, but instead, just an assignment within the scope of his ongoing employment as a civil service employee of the CDFA. Accordingly, Applicant's work with the CPR and the Newcastle Task Force does not affect his eligibility to serve as a member of the Commission.

Bureau staff contacted Carol Chesbrough, the author of one of Applicant's letters of recommendation, to confirm the information provided in the letter and receive any additional information that may be relevant. Ms. Chesbrough confirmed the information in the letter and added that Applicant has been interested in helping state government and likes to volunteer his time. She also stated that Applicant is very impartial; he operates with integrity while concentrating on the facts, information, and law. When she was his supervisor, Applicant often offered input tactfully and with reasons. She believes he is an excellent individual.

Recommendation: None.

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